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COMMON NAME – Opossum

SCIENTIFIC NAME – *Didelphis virginiana* (Virginia Opossum)

DESCRIPTION –

- Length – 38 to 51 cm
- Weight – 9 to 13 lbs
- Dull grayish-brown coat with white faces
- Long, hairless tails used to grab branches and small objects

RANGE/HABITAT –

- North America from Southern Canada to Central America
- Nomads, leave when food and water are gone
- Favor dark and secure areas

DIET –

- Omnivorous, broad diet
- Plants, fruits, grains, etc.
- Small animals
- Garbage

FACTS -

- Is the only marsupial found in North America
- Opossums have 50 teeth
- Opossums will feign death if in danger (i.e. “playing opossum”), going into a near coma that can last for up to four hours
- Opossums are totally or partially immune to the venom of rattlesnakes, cottonmouths and other pit vipers